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General Matters From the Council

The matter of allowing S. A. Hawkes to tap the city water main was brought up again. He offered to pay \$25 and the cost. It seems that he wanted to come into the city but some of his neighbors who are between him and the city will not come in. This was his reason for bringing it up again. The council did not think this good enough grounds for granting his request, however, and it was disallowed.

The Springs Dedication Celebration committee asked permission for a fireworks display during the Fourth of July celebration. It was referred to the ordinance committee and Mr. Frohbach, who was in attendance, was assured that the request would be granted, even if an ordinance had to be amended in so doing.

The above committee next asked for the exclusive right to sell concessions for refreshment and amusement stands. The matter was referred to the ordinance committee and the city attorney. Mr. Frohbach stated that besides being a proposition to raise money for the celebration it was a protection to business men.

The committee also requested that they be allowed to license jitneys to run to the round-up grounds. The maximum fare to be charged was 10 cents. The matter was referred and recommended to the ordinance committee and the city attorney. Chief Porter said that the drivers must have chauffeurs' licenses also.

Mrs. Margaret W. Ware tendered her resignation from the library board. She is leaving town. The resignation was accepted and Mrs. Palmerlee appointed in her place. Mrs. O. H. Barnhill was appointed in the place of Mrs. R. L. Burdick, who has taken up her residence elsewhere permanently.

A lady living on Allison street requested that boys should be stopped from playing ball on that street. Chief Porter stated that he had already taken action against them—as he thought, permanently.

Policeman John B. Wimer asked for a short vacation and his request was granted.

W. A. Patrick for the West side and J. E. Arant for the East side were appointed to check the irrigation of the city and their salary fixed at \$2.50 for an eight-hour day. They were to start out Wednesday.

The council decided to meet at the recorder's office Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock to confer with a representative of the Bowers Rubber Company of Portland about the purchase of 500 feet of fire hose.

The present 4-cent rate per kilowatt hour for electric ranges was lowered to 3 cents on the recommendation of the light committee.

The report was brought by the city attorney that children under 14 years of age cannot be placed in detention in the same building with adults. An entirely separate building must be used. It was recommended that such a place of detention be fitted out.

The Kinney barn on Mill street was brought up again. It was decided that it would cost more than the barn was worth to move it, so it is to be sold to the highest bidder and to be torn down.

Voting Places Tomorrow's Primaries

The primary election is to be held tomorrow, May 19. The polling places in Ashland and vicinity are:
Ashland Boulevard, H. F. Pohland's residence, 678 Boulevard.
Ashland East Central, city hall.
Ashland West Central, McCarthy building, corner Main and Granite streets.
Ashland East Main, East Side school.
Ashland Oak, Paulson building, 89 Oak street.
North Ashland, the Stone building.
East Ashland, Fourth street engine room.
Southeast Ashland, 416 Palm avenue.
Northwest Ashland, West Side school.
Barron, Nell Creek school house.
Climax, Kershaw ranch house.
Dead Indian, cabin on Moyer-Calkins ranch.
Pinehurst, Pinehurst school house.
East Talent, city hall.
West Talent, high school building.
The polls are to be open at 8 o'clock and close at 7:00.

BAND CONCERT FRIDAY.

The second of the series of band concerts is to be given tomorrow evening in Lithia Park. The boys have worked hard and a good crowd is to be expected. The series is to last all summer —if funds can be secured to put them on. The last concert was very much of a success and this one is expected to be better.

Low Rates for Week-End Here

Chiefly through the efforts of local Southern Pacific Agent G. N. Kramer, low round-trip week-end fares have been granted by the Southern Pacific Company from all stations between here and Roseburg. This is to become effective on May 20. The rate is to be a fare and a third. The tickets are to be on sale on Saturday and Sunday of every week after the 20th and the return limit is the following Monday from the date of sale. The railroad company is advertising these rates widely, as is also the Commercial Club. This should make it possible for many more people to visit the park. The crowds are already very large, and with this addition the park should almost overflow.

This is only one of many things that the Southern Pacific Company has done for the springs project. Besides giving the rates, they are doing a great deal of advertising, thus aiding the work of the publicity department. The company has issued a special tariff schedule and is covering the territory between Ashland and Roseburg.

Report Conditions On Fire Service

The report of the Underwriters' Equitable Rating Bureau was read in the council meeting Tuesday. It was mainly as follows:

Five hundred feet of new fire hose are needed and more of the "two-way" type hydrants. It is essential to figure maximum conditions in making preparation for fires. It is on account of this that the two-way hydrants are needed. In some of the outskirts of the town it is almost impossible to procure two streams of water in one neighborhood at the same time. There is almost always danger from flying shingles spreading a fire, which makes it almost imperative to have more than one stream. Two streams should be made the minimum. The mains are not all large enough to supply pressure by two streams. These should be replaced by new ones as fast as possible.

The outskirts of town are the places where the most improvement is needed. Of course there, there is not as much danger of the spreading of fire as in the thickly settled part of town. This condition should be improved as the town grows. No further installations of mains smaller than four-inch should be made. No other town the size of Ashland in the state is now installing smaller than four-inch mains.

The council is taking the steps recommended to put the system in better condition.

Jury Foreman Upholds Wilson

Gold Hill, Ore., May 15, 1916.
To the Editor of the Ashland Tidings:
In a recent issue of the Ashland Record I note a letter of B. C. Hubbard, relative to the testimony in the Martin case, of E. W. Wilson, deputy sheriff and candidate for the republican nomination for sheriff. Having been foreman of the jury in the Martin case and having heard all the testimony given at that trial, I desire to state to the people of Jackson county that the evidence given by Wilson was no more material in the making of our verdict than that given by other witnesses.
I am in nowise interested in Mr. Wilson's campaign, but feel that Mr. Hubbard's letter was published wholly for political purposes and to injure Mr. Wilson's candidacy for sheriff.
(Signed) GEORGE LYMAN,
Foreman of Jury, State of Oregon vs. Doris Martin.

Mayor Johnson Explains Action

The following letter read in council meeting explains Mayor Johnson's attitude in casting his vote on the side of the negative in regard to the appropriation of \$500 for the securing of a band for the Fourth of July celebration:

"Ashland, Ore., May 13, 1916.
"To the Common Council of the City of Ashland, Ore.

"Gentlemen: As you are aware, I have been strongly in favor of donating from the city funds a reasonable amount toward the Fourth of July celebration to be held at this place. If such donation could be legally made from any of the funds of the city. It seems clear, from the opinion rendered by the city attorney, that such donation would not be a proper expense of the city and consequently could not be legally appropriated from the general fund, even if there were available money in that fund, from which such appropriation could be made, which there is not.

"The only fund, as I view it, from which the city could legally appropriate to this celebration, is the public utility fund. The total amount levied by the council last December, for public utility purposes, amounts to \$555. Up to date the city has only received on account of taxes collected for this fund the sum of \$158.31. The charter provision for the creation of this fund provides that out of the fund the council shall appropriate \$300 to the Chautauqua Association. So far, there has only been \$50 furnished to the association, and the balance of the fund, so far collected, has been donated to the Ashland band, leaving this fund practically depleted.

"It is plain that we have no money available for the purpose of making this donation, and that we shall have to decline doing so, notwithstanding our great desire to make this celebration a grand success, and to assist in accomplishing that and by all legal and proper means possible.

"I am therefore constrained to cast my vote against making this appropriation."

In order that the Springs Dedication celebration may not fall short of the measure of immensity which is planned, it will be necessary for several hundred dollars more to be subscribed, following upon the decision of Mayor Johnson in regard to the city's appropriating \$500 to the fund. Ashland cannot afford to fall down on this celebration, and a request for additional funds should meet with ready response.

O. H. JOHNSON,
"Mayor of the City of Ashland."

Buckshot Gravel For J'ville Road

Bids were opened Saturday by the county court for the surfacing of the Medford-Jacksonville road with buckshot gravel. The following bids were received:

C. E. Bade, asphaltic surface, \$2,412.66 per mile; C. E. Bade, per specifications, \$2,412.16 per mile; Chris Natwick, \$1,990 per mile; Medford Concrete Construction Company, \$1,880 per mile; W. T. Schoultz, \$1,571.43 per mile.

The contract was awarded to Schoultz, formerly with the Clark-Henry Company, as the lowest bidder.

The specifications provide six inches of buckshot gravel, rolled, with one inch finishing surface of granite chips.

Citizens Give Band Encouragement

The Ashland band is very much encouraged by the report of the committee which has been calling upon the citizens for financial assistance in maintaining the band during the summer. The band appreciates the loyalty and interest shown as evidenced by the many contributions made, and the people of Ashland may be assured that the band will put forth its best efforts to merit their support. The band wishes to take this opportunity of thanking all who are lending their assistance and especially the committee which is headed by A. H. Pracht and G. S. Butler.

The safety of little nations in war times seems to depend more on innumerable mountains than irrefutable arguments.

Pageant To Be Annual Event

The Masque of Myths—a pageant, Tuesday evening, May 23, in the automobile park.

A synopsis of "The Heart of the World". A little boy who is destined to be a great man is carried to the heart of the world in a dream and all the myths of all the ages attend him and show him the secrets of the heart of man. He is shown Beauty by the Greek myths, Power by the Saxon myths, Woodcraft and Field-lure by the German elves, Past-time by the Gaelic fairies, but none can show him Love.

Since he keeps asking them which one of the myths can show him Love, they finally tell him it can be found only on the earth.

Each scene depicts him as besought to remain in Mythland, but each time he refuses because they can not show him Love.

The last episode shows him a mortal bewitched, who can be released only by the love of another mortal.

The boy breaks the spell and the mortal tells him that this is really not the heart of the world, because Love is not found.

Together they leave the spot with all its charm and beauty to find the real heart of the world with human-kind. The sylvan beauty of the grove, the charm and grace of the goddesses appeal to the soul of all lovers of the beautiful and true.

Out of a class of 150 who have studied and drilled for twelve months, Mrs. Hovey has selected the most graceful and competent and beautiful to put on this fascinating program.

This program is to be the first feature in an established annual gathering of four counties.

Ashlanders, come! Let us show our willingness to build up the spirit of fellowship and goodwill. Show your enthusiasm by influencing other friends to attend. Come; let this beautiful mythical pageant carry you back to the happy days of childhood and cause you to live over again that ideal period.

Admission 25 cents; proceeds to be divided between the Greater Medford Club and the Ashland Civic Improvement Club.

Give us liberal patronage.

Organize for States Day Picnic

There have been a number of meetings held at the city hall during the last few days for the former residents of various states, and the same will be continued until the various states are organized for the purpose of an outing in Lithia Park this summer. The meetings have been scheduled for 2 o'clock each day and on Friday the former residents of Illinois and Indiana will organize; on Saturday, the 20th, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York; on Monday, the 22nd, the New England states, and on Tuesday, the 23rd, the former residents of the southern states, which takes in Florida, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Virginia, West Virginia, Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky, Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Louisiana, Mississippi and Arkansas.

The former residents of the states mentioned are urgently requested to attend the meetings of their state on the date set.

Buffalo Vernon Will Be Here 4th

The committee in charge of the Ashland Round-up has received word that Buffalo Vernon, the one man who has done more than any other showman in making the Pendleton Round-up the success which it always is, will be here for the Ashland affair. He is a bulldogger, champion roper and rider, and has won the world's championships during the past two years. The committee is overjoyed at securing Vernon as he is in great demand and is a high-priced artist. Vernon has just returned from two years' service in the show business in Australia.

The committee is negotiating with Skeeter Bill Robbins, bulldogger and fancy roper, and Dorothy Morrell of Cheyenne, champion bucking horse rider of the world in 1915. Skeeter Bill will assist with the show and Miss Morrell will ride one of the worst buckers daily.

Phone news items to the Tidings.

CHURCHILL WILL NOT SPEAK.

On account of the sudden illness of his wife, State Superintendent J. A. Churchill will not be able to keep his engagement as the speaker at the graduation exercises at the armory tonight. Dr. E. S. Conklin, professor of psychology at the U. of O., is to speak in his place. Dr. Conklin has spoken here several times before and has always pleased his audience.

Sunshine Report Shows Good Work

The annual election of officers for the Sunshine Society for the ensuing year was held on last Thursday at the Temple of Truth. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Ida Gard; vice-president, Mrs. Alameda Carleton; treasurer, Mrs. Jessie Rondeau; secretary, Mrs. Lydia Lamb, secretary.

The retiring secretary's report was as follows: Number of visits to sick, 418; garments given out, 1,030; bouquets, 726; many other donations, such as fruit, vegetables, milk and provisions of all kinds, and the usual Christmas and Thanksgiving dinner to the poor. Donations received, \$449.91; disbursements, \$445.03; cash on hand, \$22.58. The meeting closed with a basket supper which was enjoyed by the members and their guests.

The Sunshine wishes to thank those who so kindly assisted financially toward the maintenance of the organization and thereby made it possible for them to do such a vast amount of good.

Will Move Red Bluff Terminal To Gerber

A dispatch from Red Bluff to the Sacramento Bee says that the Smith Sales Company, through W. H. Smith, has made announcement that it has been officially advised by the Southern Pacific railroad officials that the terminal will be moved from Red Bluff to Gerber on July 1, 1916. The company has completed its water and oil tanks and crews are now working on the roundhouse. The removal of the terminal to Gerber will mean about a \$10,000 a month payroll, according to conservative estimates.

S. P. Makes Promotions

It became known Sunday that the Southern Pacific Company has made three promotions of officials on the Shasta division. Assistant Superintendent Fitzgerald has been made assistant superintendent of the Oakland pier, and he has already departed for his new location. G. V. Gillett, trainmaster on this division, has been appointed Fitzgerald's successor, while W. V. Kirkland, chief dispatcher, has in turn been promoted to the position of trainmaster.

School Law Proves Effective

Frank Schrank of Baker, Ore., began to serve a sentence of ten days in the county jail Wednesday because he persisted in keeping his 13-year-old daughter out of school. He was taken before the justice three weeks ago, convicted and a suspended sentence imposed. He refused to comply with the order to send his child to school and so was taken before the justice again and committed. This shows what can be done when a parent refuses to educate his child.

Ask Subscribers To Pay Up

The committee in charge of the Springs Dedication Celebration find it necessary to make some payments on contracts entered into, and urgently request the subscribers to pay one-half of the subscriptions made and which were due on the 20th of April.

Singler Endorses E. W. Wilson

Statement by W. H. Singler in regard to candidacy of E. W. Wilson, who is seeking republican nomination for sheriff:

I have been requested by friends of law enforcement and clean politics to submit a statement as to the work of Mr. Wilson in the sheriff's office during the incumbency of myself as sheriff, and in replying I have the following to offer.

E. W. Wilson has for the past three and one-half years been chief deputy, directly in charge of the service and criminal department of the office; he has also rendered valuable aid to the tax department, and during his regime as deputy, a complete reorganization of tax collections has been inaugurated, the expense of collections greatly reduced, better service rendered, and a great amount of work on delinquent taxes done, in an effort to collect such delinquencies.

Three foreclosure suits aggregating \$23,000 in behalf of the county have been instituted, and delinquent taxes for several years back carried forward and noted on current tax rolls.

The vast experience gained by Mr. Wilson has fitted him to render very valuable services to the taxpayers, and I do not believe it advisable that a radical change be made in this important office at this time.

I can say without successful contradiction that the sheriff's office is in the best condition in the history of Jackson county. This is in a great measure due to the untiring efforts of Mr. Wilson, and I sincerely recommend him to the voters of the county as a man of exemplary morals and habits, and especially fitted to conduct a rigid enforcement of our new prohibition statute.

An official audit of all county offices recently finished and approved by the court on March 4, 1916, contains the following in regard to the sheriff's office:

"Total collections and fees, \$366,904.91. All of these tax collections have been promptly deposited in the treasury. The sheriff is observing law requiring all delinquents to be brought forward on the current rolls and entered upon the tax receipts. This is a huge task, and they are doing the work as diligently as possible during the stress of a heavy tax collection. It is praiseworthy in the sheriff to find his office administered with no bustle or confusion. Only expert men are employed in the office, in the tax collections and other departments of the office. And it is a great pleasure to find Jackson county coming forward as one of the best officered and equipped counties in the state. Undoubtedly it is economy to employ only efficient men in the office of tax collector. I have scanned every tax collection and every fee coming into the office and I find nothing out of place nor entered wrongly. This is an unusually good record."

I believe Mr. Wilson's work merits your further approval by giving him your support in the coming election.

Respectfully submitted,
Adv. W. H. SINGLER.

Preparing for Big Crowds July 4-5-6

In order to take care of the great number of people who will come to Ashland on the dates of the Rogue River Round-up and Springs Dedication Celebration, it will be necessary to put into service every available room, eating place and space for tents in the city. D. D. Norris, secretary of the Commercial Club, has been placed in charge of this part of the celebration committee's work and will appoint his assistants. The Commercial Club office will be headquarters for this work, and all who will be willing to accommodate parties with rooms or meals during the three days are requested to notify Mr. Norris by phone or letter at the earliest possible moment. Give the number you will accommodate and your name and address. Ashland citizens must rise to the occasion on these three days and some sacrifice must be made on the part of a great many in order to properly provide for the many visitors.

We are rapidly approaching the period when men can eat pear with their knives without being ostracized.

Don't make yourself unhappy trying to be happy.